

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 10 and 16 being the independent claims. Claims 16-18 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowed subject matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-15 with appreciation.

Objection to Claims 16-18

Claims 16-18 were objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended claims 16-18 to correct the informalities. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 16-20

Claims 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Applicant has amended claim 16 as noted above. As amended, claim 16 is believed to satisfy the requirements of both 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims

17-20 depend from claim 16 and are also believed to satisfy the requirements of both 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections of claims 16-20 are respectfully requested.

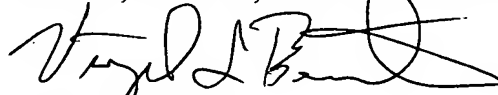
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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